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6. (Secret - JGO) Received a call from Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who requested that the transcript of the Director's testimony of 28 October be forwarded to the Committee for use during the day on Wednesday, 11 March.

7. (Secret - GLC) Following the Director's briefing of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, 19 copies of the Director's prepared statement were returned to the Agency. One copy is being kept by the Joint Committee reporter for the transcription of the record.

8. (Confidential - JMM) Called Boyd Crawford, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, to say the Director would have problems with an appearance before the Committee on Monday or Tuesday, 16 or 17 March, and in any event was anxious to discuss the whole matter of whether he should appear, and if so under what ground rules, with Chairman Morgan and Representative Adair at their convenience. Crawford stated he would try to arrange a time with the Chairman and Adair and advise.

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9. (Internal Use Only - JMM) [REDACTED] and I accompanied the Director and Messrs. Duckett and Clarke who appeared before the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. See Memo for Record and transcript.

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25X1A 14. (Secret - JMM) Accompanied the Director and [REDACTED] X1A
[REDACTED] to a briefing of the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations.
The discussion centered mainly on Laos but also touched on the problem of
briefings before other congressional committees. See Memo for Record.

15. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Chairman L. Mendel Rivers,
House Armed Services Committee, and explained our problems in connection
with the request of the House Foreign Affairs Committee for a briefing on Laos.
I said the Director proposed to meet privately with Chairman Morgan and
Representative Ross Adair to try to persuade them that, in view of the
upcoming appearance of Secretary Rogers and Secretary Laird and the
President's recent statement on Laos, an appearance by the Agency would
not be necessary. Rivers said he felt this was about all we could do, adding
that he had high regard for Chairman Morgan, in whom we could place
complete confidence.

16. (Secret - JMM) Met with Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate
Foreign Relations Committee, and called to his attention the fact that
the transcript of the Director's testimony before the Gore Subcommittee on
2 March 1970 had apparently been taken apart, since when we picked it up
on 4 March the pages were reversed. Marcy called in Art Kuhl, who handles
security matters for the Committee, who confirmed the reversal of the pages
and explained how the transcript had been handled. Marcy directed Kuhl to
investigate the matter thoroughly.

25X1C 17. (Confidential - CEA) Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal
Security Subcommittee, called to request the first opportunity to obtain as
a witness [REDACTED] After checking with
25X1C IDC, I informed Sourwine that [REDACTED] but that
his, Sourwine's, request has been recorded [REDACTED]

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12. (Confidential - JMM) Boyd Crawford, Staff Administrator, House Foreign Affairs Committee, called in response to my call to him on Friday to say the Committee had scheduled Secretary Laird to testify on Laos on Tuesday, 17 March, and Secretary Rogers on Thursday, 19 March, and would like to have the Director appear on Wednesday, 18 March. I told Crawford that the Director wished me to see Chairman Morgan and raise the question of whether, in view of the President's recent statement and the appearance of Laird and Rogers, an appearance by the Agency would really be useful. Crawford said Morgan still had not returned from the weekend, but he thought the Chairman would wish the Director to appear primarily in order to ease the pressures exerted by several Committee members who are demanding the full Laos story.

After checking with the Director I called Crawford back to say that the Director was not available on Wednesday, 18 March and suggested Friday, 20 March. Crawford said he would take this up with the Chairman, and undertook to arrange a meeting between the Chairman and me this afternoon to work out details.

Following the Director's briefing of the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations, I met with Crawford and tried to arrange a date for the Director to meet with Chairman Morgan and Representative Ross Adair (Ranking Minority Member) regarding a possible appearance before the Committee. Chairman Morgan was not available, but I explained to Crawford our reasons for hoping that our appearance could be avoided.

13. (Confidential - JMM) Received a call from Mrs. Gwen Lewis, Executive Secretary to Senator Len B. Jordan (R., Idaho), who said that Senators Cranston and Church had been making speeches and getting headlines in Idaho papers about "14,000 or 15,000 Meo tribesmen on the CIA payroll." According to Mrs. Lewis, Jordan, on the basis of the President's statement, has been denying this allegation, but wishes reassurances that he is not getting out on a limb. I suggested she try to get her answers from the White House. She said she had called Ken BeLieu, who was out of town, and "Tappin" (phonetic) in Defense who referred her to "Colonel Palmer" who referred her to CIA. I said I still thought the answer should come from the White House and suggested she call Bill Timmons there.

After checking with the Director, I called Mrs. Lewis back to say we wanted to be helpful but definitely thought the Senator should get details from the White House. However, I said the "numbers game" was tricky and the Senator would be well advised not to be drawn into it. Mrs. Lewis said she had just talked to the White House and been told that the number of Meos on the CIA payroll was 8,000. I repeated that this question of numbers was tricky business, and said the figures might vary depending on what yardstick was used and what period we were talking about. The Senator backed off from any controversy about numbers.

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(Secret - LLM) In response to his call of Friday, advised J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, that we had information which corroborated his understanding that [REDACTED] 25X6

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8. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Mr. Walter L. Morgan, Special Assistant to Senator Peter H. Dominick (R., Colo.), called on a constituent suggestion that search teams be established in Vietnam to buy information on U.S. airmen downed in South Vietnam. After checking with [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] who in turn checked with the Office of JCS Special Assistant for Counterinsurgency and Special Activities, it appears Dominick's office should be in touch with Colonel D. B. Cochran, 11-55805, and I will so inform Morgan when he calls back tomorrow.

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9. (Confidential - LLM) Mr. Robert Horner, House Internal Security Committee staff, called and suggested that we meet with Chief Counsel Donald Sanders and himself at 10:30 on 12 March for further discussion on [REDACTED] and the procedures to be followed. See Journal of 3 March 1970.

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10. (Internal Use Only - LLM) J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called and asked for such information as we can provide on [REDACTED] I told him we would check and be back in touch.

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11. (Unclassified - JMM) Received a call from Roger Majak, Legislative Assistant to Representative Jonathan Bingham, regarding the Democratic Study Group's invitation for the Director to appear before them on 10 March to discuss Laos. I told Majak that in view of our policy of discussing Agency operational matters only before appropriate formal congressional committees, we unfortunately could not respond. Majak requested a letter or telegram to this effect.

After checking with the Director, I called Majak back to say that we preferred to handle matters of this kind informally and orally rather than in writing. Majak said Bingham would probably be upset because both State and Defense Departments had begged off, and Bingham might call the Director personally.

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12. (Confidential - JMD) Mr. Boyd Crawford, Staff Administrator of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called to ask the Director to appear before the full Committee during the week of the 16th of March, in executive session, on the situation in Laos. Mr. Crawford said that Secretary of State Rogers and Secretary of Defense Laird have also been asked to appear that same week. Mr. Crawford was advised this would be checked with the Director and we would be back in touch with him.

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8. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee, who gave me a letter from Chairman Mahon to the Director concerning an appointment to the Special Committee.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the following items:

- a. Friction between Egyptian military and Soviet advisors;
- b. Soviet air shipments into Egypt during the week;
- c. Logistical and other limitations on Communist forces action in Laos;
- d. Soviet Hen House radar.

9. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Daniel Manelli, on the staff of the House Investigative Subcommittee, House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and received from him a copy of the rough draft of a Committee report on investigation of CBS news programming policies. Mr. Manelli requested, if possible, that our review be completed and the draft returned early next week.

25X1A 10. (Secret - JMM) Accompanied [REDACTED] Chief, FE Division, who briefed Chairman John Stennis, Senate CIA Subcommittee of Armed Services, on the situation in Laos. Senator Stennis, who had requested the briefing yesterday, was particularly interested in getting reassurances that no Agency personnel were involved in combat operations. [REDACTED] 25X1A summarized the history of our Laos involvement, the policy authority under which we had acted, the numbers of our personnel involved, our casualties to date, and the present military situation.

11. (Unclassified - JMM) With the Director's approval I called Representative Lucien Nedzi to say that the Director regretted that he could not accept the invitation of the Democratic Study Group to brief them on the Laos situation on 10 March. I explained that this involved Agency operational activities which we felt could properly be discussed only with appropriate congressional committees, and not with other groups. Nedzi said he fully understood this and that in extending the invitation he had been under the impression that the matter had already been cleared with the Agency. He asked that I explain the matter to Representative Bingham who had joined Nedzi in extending the invitation. I called Representative Bingham's office but found he will be in New York until Monday.

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